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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CHANGES**

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Applicant hereby requests the Examiner's approval of the following proposed change to Figures 1, 3, 5, and 7 in the above-identified application. For the Examiner's

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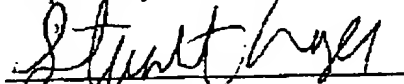
convenience, in addition to being summarized below, the changes appear in the attached informal drawing sheets.

Please amend figures 1, 3, and 5 to show a - - PRIOR ART - - label, as required by the Examiner in Paragraph 1 of the Office Action.

Please amend Figure 7 to include the identifications  $I_{PO}$ ,  $I_{PI}$ , and  $I_b$ , as required by the Examiner in Paragraph 2 of the Office Action.

An indication of the Examiner's approval of the foregoing proposed changes is respectfully requested in the next Patent Office communication. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Request or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicants' attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

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